

**Central Southeast Ohio Association,
Ohio Conference
May 9, 2018**



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God is still speaking,

CSEmail Newsletter

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The Association Office is open on Tuesdays from 10a - 1p or by appointment.
I will normally respond to your phone/email messages
within 24 hours of receipt Monday through Thursday. Messages are not checked Friday - Sunday
If you have news or photos to share and/or dates you would like to add to the calendar to be included
in our next CSEmail, please submit to me by Friday at 4:30p
Submit your articles, photos (jpeg, png format please) and attachments to
debras@ocucc.org



Quick Links

2018 Calendar of Events

**CSE Authorized
Clergy and MID
Directory**

**CSE Pulpit Supply
List**

DPAM Meeting

Wednesday, May 9th
9:30a-3:30p
David's UCC, Canal Winchester

Council Meeting

Saturday, June 9th
9:30a-12:30p
Location TBD

DCAM Meeting

Saturday, June 9th
1p

**CSE Church
Directory**

**CSE Departments,
Council and
Committees**

**2018 Calendar of
Prayer**

**MESA COM &
MOM Information
and Manuals**

**2018 Online
Training for COM**

**CSEOA
Website**

Grace UCC, Lancaster

Calendar of Prayer

May 13, 2018

First Congregational UCC,
Huntington, WV

May 20, 2018

First Congregational UCC, Marysville

May 27, 2018

Grace UCC, Columbus

What an Enlightening Experience....

CSEOA Annual Spring Meeting

Saturday, May 5th, 2018

"A.C.T. To End Poverty"

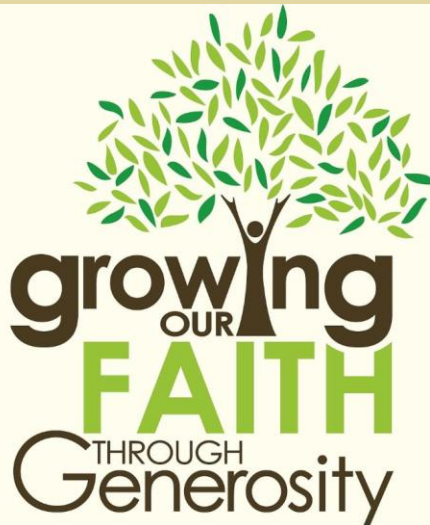
Mid-Ohio Food Bank in Grove City Ohio

Thank You to all who organized and participated in this event.

A Big Thank You to SON Ministries for their eye-opening simulation. Those who were there felt *awakened, confronted* and were *transformed* in their idea of the poverty we are currently facing in our communities.

\$ 455 was received through our offering and will be sent to the
MId-Ohio Food Bank.
Thank you for your generosity.

CSEOA First Quarter 2018 Financial Report



We continue in good financial condition through March of 2018.

OCWM is 47.6% of budget compared to 41.4% of budget at this time last year. Given the seasonality of the flow of your gifts, the variance between those two values is not significant, so there is neither reason for celebration nor concern. It's too early in the year, and gift numbers are therefore soft. This is an opportunity for me to remind you that it is very helpful if you are able to make your gift contributions on a monthly or quarterly basis. We would be most grateful.

Expenses are 83.2% of budget. If this sounds remarkable, it is. Expenses are understated by the net balance of accounts receivable and payable, which has a negative \$5,300 balance at the end of March. Adjusted for those numbers, expenses are

92.7% of budget compared to 97.2% of budget at this same time last year, which is still quite healthy. Once the accounts payable anomaly clears, the April expense/budget ratio should appear more normal.

We have 3.3 months of cash in the bank, compared to 3.4 at this time last year.

As always, we are grateful to God and to you and your congregations for your sustaining gifts to your association and the wider church.

Also as always, please feel free to contact me directly at jyutzey@columbus.rr.com regarding any questions or concerns about the finances of your association.

Peace and best,

Jay Yutzey
CSEOA Treasurer

It's Time to Register for Camp



[Click Here For Details](#)

ANNOUNCEMENT: In honor of the opening of Templed Hills we are excited to continue the early registration rate as our Celebration Discount for Summer Camp 2018. Sign up by May 21 to CELEBRATE the return to Templed Hills and take advantage of the lowest registration rate!

**Heidelberg University
School of Music & Theatre
Presents:
Come Travel With Me**




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School of Music & Theatre

THE HEIDELBERG UNIVERSITY
CONCERT CHOIR & CHAMBER SINGERS PRESENT:

Come Travel With Me

Monday, May 14 at 7:00 pm

St. John's United Church of Christ

59 EAST MOUND STREET, COLUMBUS, OHIO 43215

DR. GREG RAMSDELL, CONDUCTOR
CYNTHIA RAMSDELL, ACCOMPANIST

Concert is free and open to the public. A freewill offering will be collected.

Monday, May 14th at 7:00p
St John's United Church of Christ
59 East Mound Street
Columbus OH 43215

Overnight hosts for choir members are still needed. If you are willing to host, please contact Mary Torok at mary@stjohnscolumbus.org. Thanks so much!

Female Clergy lunch in Ohio May 22nd at 11:30a

We invite female clergy in the Ohio Conference to meet monthly for lunch, fellowship, sharing of resources and support. We plan to meet on the 4th Tuesday of each month in the Columbus area. Our next gathering is May 22 at 11:30 at the Ikea restaurant (I 71-Gemini Exit).

Please contact Rev. Sigrid Rother in Westerville with any inquiries.

(sigrid@westervillecucc.org).

Living Life by the Decade
A lecture given by
Rev. Dr. John (Tim) Savage
Sunday, May 20th
2-4:30p
Click [HERE](#) For Details



**STRENGTHEN
THE CHURCH
OFFERING**

Offering date: Pentecost Sunday, May 20

The Strengthen the Church offering supports the expansion of ministry and growth of UCC local congregations. Your support of this offering will help the UCC fulfill on its commitment to creating a just world for all by investing in new ministries and practices that meet the emerging needs of local communities.

Members of the United Church of Christ are encouraged to give to this offering through local UCC congregations. Most congregations receive the Strengthen The Church offering on Pentecost Sunday.

Pride Day Parade 2018
Saturday, June 16th



If your church is interested in participating in the parade this year, your \$200.00 contribution includes a

group from your church to join the parade and your church's name listed on the UCC cards that will be distributed during the parade. A \$50.00 contribution gets your church's name on the card with our list of supporters.

Please send your checks to the Central Southeast Ohio Association Office and mention "Pride " in the Memo of the check.

If you have any questions please contact [Amy Canni](#).

Click [HERE](#) to view Festival Details



Register [HERE](#)

Ohio Conference Website Survey



As the Ohio Conference continues to plan for the future, we are evaluating the ways in which our current website (<http://www.ohioucc.org>) is and is not meeting the needs of our conference. With that in mind, we have created a survey to understand how we can improve the website. Please spend the five minutes it will take to complete this survey so that we can have a better picture of what the website does well and the things in which it must improve. Thanks in advance!

Survey

Link: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/YSW73BV>

Boundary Training Information Update and Are you exempt?

Currently, if you are a retired Minister and not active in a ministry setting as the pastor, supply or interim minister then you are exempt from Boundary Training.

Click [HERE](#) to Download Exemption Application form and return to office for approval from DCAM.

Boundary Training/Anti racism training

A couple updates for authorized clergy on Boundary and Anti-racism training..

Both are required every 5 years. (I apologize, I was wrong)

The CSEOA office needs a copy of the certificate, they are not automatically sent. Please copy or take a picture and send to the office.

For now, please register for the DOC training.

If you are not sure if you have are in need of training, we are giving a year of grace time.

Retired clergy need to continue with training if they are doing some kind of active ministry, like supply, funerals, weddings, interim. There is an exempt form on the website to fill out if you believe you are except.

There is also intentional interim training with the DOC

Questions? Let us know...

Blessings on your ministry,

Mindy

Rev. Melinda Quellhorst
Pastor Grace United Church of Christ
Lancaster, Ohio
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SUMMER INSTITUTE
for the integration of faith, ministry & vocational life

Greetings! You're invited to attend the second annual Ashland Theological Seminary Summer Institute, held this June in Ashland, Ohio. The Summer Institute will take place June 6th, 7th, 8th and 9th and will offer a variety of workshops of relevant topics designed for lay, bi-vocational, and professional practitioners in the church, para church, and/or workplace setting. Continuing Education Units are available for all workshops. A few scheduled workshops include:



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- When Sexual Abuse comes to Church: A Workshop for Pastors and Laity
- The Journey of Generosity: A Guide to Educate and Equip Pastors and Ministry Leaders to Help Faithful Stewards Give Wisely
- 7 Things to Know for Tax Exempt Status: Organizing a Non-Profit for Effective Outreach Ministry
- Are Business People the Bad Guys? Person and Property in the Pentateuch and Prophets
- Jesus on Sound Investment Strategies

For a complete listing go to: <https://www.atsummerinstitute.org/workshops>

Full-day workshops are \$90.00, half-day workshops are \$45.00. Participants registering before May 15th will receive a 50% discount by using the promotion code: EARLYREG.

For further information or to register for workshops, please visit the Summer Institute website at <https://www.atsummerinstitute.org>

We look forward to seeing you on campus in June. If you have any questions, please contact us at atsevents@ashland.edu or call 419-289-5695.

Women Investing Today Seeking Justice in Our Financial Lives

At a time when women are increasingly making their voices heard in arenas across the American spectrum, many clergywomen and women that sit on investment committees are seeking opportunities to use their church endowments to positively impact society.

Can your church realize a competitive return and pursue active social engagement? The answer is yes. The Ministerial Excellence, Support and Authorization and United Church Funds (UCF) invite you to join us in exploring this timely subject in a webinar:

Women Investing Today - Seeking Justice in Our Financial Lives
Tuesday, May 22, 2018
3:00 PM Eastern Time

[**Reserve Your Spot Today!**](#)

Webinars available through:



[Click Here to Read more and Register](#)

United Church of Christ Office Support Staff Network Gathering

Dear Friends,

The United Church of Christ national offices are very pleased to invite you to join us for the 2018 Annual Gathering of the United Church of Christ Office Support Staff Network (UCCOSSN). This year's gathering on Thursday, July 19 through Saturday, July 21, is being held at the UCC Church House in Cleveland, Ohio.

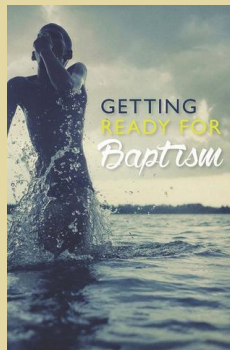
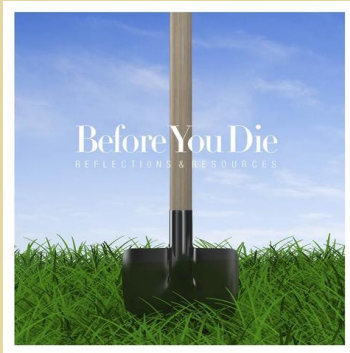
The UCCOSSN is our national organization dedicated to providing educational, networking, and motivational opportunities to all church, association, conference, and national setting staff members who support the ministries of the United Church of Christ and its affiliated organizations. The annual conference is a chance to reconnect and refresh, and then return to our individual tasks with a sense that we are not alone in our work ... there is an entire network in place to lift us up and reinforce how valuable each and every one of us truly is.

The theme this year will be [The 3 Great Loves](#)

[Find out more and REGISTER HERE](#)

Churches Currently in Transition....

- **Heidelberg UCC, Stoutsville** is in the process of beginning their search for a new minister.



These books are available to you through our UCC Resources

Order Your Copy of *Before You Die* [Here](#)

Order Your Copy of *Getting Ready for Baptism* [Here](#)

Order Your Copy of *bless* [Here](#)

"For Joy" A devotion by Mary Luti



"I have told you these things so that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be complete."
- John 15:11

So it was all about joy.

It was for joy he was born, for joy he befriended and healed, for joy he offended the powers, for joy he said love one another and love the world even though you don't belong to it and it's never going to love

you back. It was for joy he endured the terrible shame, for joy he was raised, for joy he said peace be with you and pardoned us everything, for joy he went to sit at God's right hand, for joy upon joy he will return, the first mercy and the last. It was so that his joy would be in us, and our joy would be complete.

And all this time you thought it was about duty, so you've been doing it. You thought it was about making an effort, so you've been making one. You thought it was about becoming a better person and making the world a better place, so you've slogged away. You thought it was about you, about what God wants you to do, about the difference you should be making, about getting the holy job done.

But it was always about joy. The joy of his company. The joy of his grace. The joy of his love for God. The joy of his justice. Even the hard joy of his suffering. It was about being branches of his vine, sheep of his flock, drinking from the living waters of his deep, deep well. It was about doing just and saving work with him, in him, and through him, not for him, like some boss, not to merit a star, and not until you drop.

No, it was for the joy we know when we know him. It was always about joy. It still is.

Prayer

**Jesus, joy of our desiring, joy no circumstance can alter, be our joy forever.
Amen.**



Have you read the PARISH PAPER?

The Parish Paper is a wonderful resource to which the Ohio Conference has subscribed on behalf of all Ohio Conference churches. Each issue stands alone as a topic of interest and importance to being a living and growing congregation. Check it out...

May - How to balance Hospitality and Church Security

June - Making the Nursery a Place of Belonging



[Constitution and By Laws Adopted 10-25-14](#)

[CSEOA Vision - Future Story 2020](#)

[CSEOA Strategic Plan 2013-2020](#)

[Ohio Conference Website](#)

[Outdoor Ministries](#)

[Member In Discernment Manual Rev. 7 10-9-2013](#)

[How Do I Transfer My Standing?](#)

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